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TEXT OF U.S. STATEMENT AT SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING OF GATT
TEXTILE COMMITTEE (REPORTED SEPTTEL) FOLLOWS: QUOTE.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

AS YOU KNOW, THE USG HAS PUBLICLY COME OUT IN SUPPORT
OF EARLY MFA RENEWAL AND DURING THE DECEMBER TC MEET-
ING, WE, AGAIN, PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED WE WERE PREPARED
THEN TO ACCEPT MFA RENEWAL WITHOUT CHANGE. WE ARE
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PREPARED TO DO SO NOW.

WE ARE ALL AWARE, THAT SEVERAL PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES DURING THE RECENT TC MEETING INDICATED
THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT RENEWAL AT THAT
TIME. THEY INDICATED THAT THIS WAS SO BECAUSE
THEY FELT CERTAIN PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE MFA

SHOULD BE EXAMINED.

HENCE, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO LISTEN TO THOSE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND TO HEAR ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THEY FEEL THEY HAVE.

OBTAINING, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TRADE, AND ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE MFA, ANY PARTICIPATING COUNTRY HAS A RIGHT AND OBLIGATION TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES PROBLEMS IT ENCOUNTERS, AND I BELIEVE WE ALL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO LISTEN. THUS, WE ARE PREPARED TO LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO THOSE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WHO IN DECEMBER DID NOT FEEL THAT THEY COULD JOIN IN THE THEN-EMERGING CONSENSUS CONCERNING RENEWAL. FURTHER, WE ARE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO WHAT THEY SAY THEIR PROBLEMS ARE AND, HOPEFULLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO HEAR THEIR PROPOSALS ON HOW PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES MIGHT OBJECTIVELY, CONSTRUCTIVELY ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MFA AND THE RESPONSIBILITY WE ALL SHARE TO MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY WITH THE BUSINESS STILL BEFORE US -- THE FUTURE OF THE MFA. UNQUOTE. CATTO

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